

# OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

City of Eugene ♦ Oregon

## PROCLAMATION

*Whereas,* the Peace Corps has become an enduring symbol of our nation's commitment to encourage progress, create opportunity and expand development at the grass roots level in the developing world; and

*Whereas,* more than 178,000 Americans have served as Peace Corps volunteers in 138 countries since 1961, including over 5000 men and women from the state of Oregon; and

*Whereas,* Peace Corps volunteers have made lasting and significant contributions around the world in agriculture, business development, information technology, education, health, and the environment, improving the lives of individuals and communities around the world; and

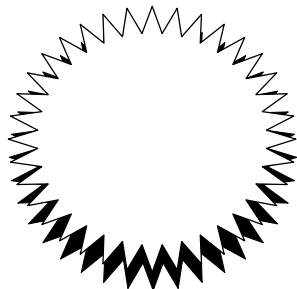
*Whereas,* Peace Corps volunteers have strengthened the ties of friendship and understanding between the people of the United States and those of other countries; and

*Whereas,* Peace Corps volunteers, enriched by their experiences overseas, have brought back to their communities throughout the U.S. a deeper understanding of other cultures and traditions, thereby bringing a domestic dividend to our nation,

*Now, therefore,* I, Kitty Piercy, Mayor of the city of Eugene, do hereby proclaim February 28 through March 6, 2005, to be

### ***Peace Corps Week***

in Eugene, and recognize that it is indeed fitting to honor the achievements of the Peace Corps and pay tribute to its volunteers, past and present, and reaffirm our country's commitment to helping people help themselves throughout the world.



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*Kitty Piercy, Mayor*